

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph [0123] beginning on page 71, as follows:

[0123] In the cold-cathode tube lighting device according to the fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention, in a manner similar to that of the above-described second preferred embodiment, the second block 2 may include the ballast capacitor CB.

The size of the ballast capacitor CB is significantly smaller than the size of the ballast inductor LB. In particular, since the ballast capacitor CB can be formed as the inter-layer capacity of the second substrate 50 and the like, the ballast capacitor CB only has a thickness of about the substrate. Further, when the ballast capacitor CB is used, the overcurrent protection capacitor CB-CP and the matching capacitor CP-CM may be omitted.

Thus, in particular, in the cold-cathode tube lighting device according to the fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention, the second block 2 can be easily downsized. Accordingly, the cold-cathode tube lighting device according to the fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention is extremely effective in thinning liquid crystal displays.